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In re the Application of:

**SIRIMANNE et al.**

**Serial No.: 09/869,282**

Filed: June 18, 2002

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SAFE  
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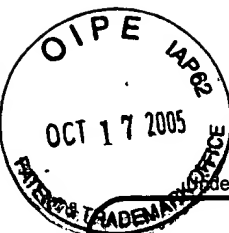
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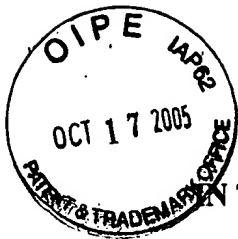
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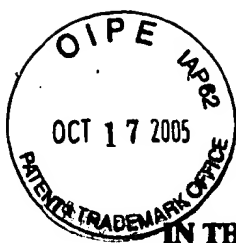
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